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## Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr. Elected Imperial Outer Guard of Imperial Council

### Elevated to High Office at National Convention in Chicago, July 7, 1943

**A**LEPPO TEMPLE of Boston and the Northeast were highly honored at the annual election of officers of the Imperial Council of the Mystic Shrine, held in Chicago, Ill., Wednesday, July 7, 1943, when the delegates to the Council from the 159 Temples in North America elected Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., of Aleppo Temple, to the office of Imperial Outer Guard.

In a field of five candidates consisting of prominent Past Potentates of Temples throughout North America, Potentate Wilson was declared elected when the other candidates withdrew following the announcement of the third ballot which showed him to be considerably ahead of his nearest opponent.

The result of the third and final ballot showed Potentate Wilson to have 275 votes with Past Potentate Harvey Beffa of Moolah Temple, St. Louis, Mo., second, having received 148 votes.

Frank Land of Ararat Temple, Kansas City, Mo., received 135 votes and Past Potentate Rennie Arnold of Acca Temple, Richmond, Va., 26 votes. Past Potentate Arthur Gullickson of Medinah Temple, Chicago, Ill., withdrew following the first ballot, he having received 43 votes.

This year's convention was stream lined due to the present war conditions, there being no parades or pageantry connected with the session. The delegates of Temples from all parts of North America gathered in Chicago with but one thought in mind, that was to conduct the affairs of the Imperial Council in a speedy and efficient manner and return to their homes as soon as possible, due to present conditions.

This was Potentate Wilson's second endeavor, having been endorsed by Aleppo Temple as a candidate for Imperial Outer Guard last year, at which time he made an

exceptional showing for a first-year candidate when he withdrew as the runner-up in a field of five candidates. Aleppo Temple again this year endorsed him as a candidate at their annual meeting in January, and he returned victorious, bringing to Boston and Aleppo its first Imperial Outer Guard in its sixty years of existence.

Waiting to greet him at the Aleppo headquarters in The Palmer Hotel, Chicago, and congratulate him on his success, was his lovely wife, Mrs. Florence R. Wilson, and his wonderful mother, Mrs. Robert Gardiner Wilson, Sr.

The office of Imperial Outer Guard is the bottom of the Imperial Line from which the officers advance each year, finally reaching the office of Imperial Potentate which is the highest office in Shrinedom in North America.

The delegates to the Imperial Council from Aleppo Temple in addition to Potentate Wilson were Recorder Walter W. Morrison, Chief Rabban Willard P. Lombard, Asst. Rabban Arthur A. Sondheim and Asst. Recorder Harvey B. Leggee. The other officers and committeemen who attended the Session included Treasurer Frank W. Morrill, Oriental Guide Justin A. Duncan, 2nd., Ceremonial Master Frank B. Ells, Asst. Marshal Walter W. Benson, Adjutant William J. Shannon and Aides to the Potentate, Herman C. McStay and N. Russell Lynn.

Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., was born in Boston, September 4, 1891, graduated from the Boston Public Latin School in 1910, Harvard College (with distinction) in 1914, and Harvard Law School in 1917. Since that time he has successfully engaged in the practice of law in Massachusetts, until his appointment to the bench in 1940.

For six terms, totaling twelve years — from 1926 to 1931, and from 1934 to 1939 — he served his native city, with its population of 770,000, as a member of the Boston City Council, in which legislative body of the municipal government he was Chairman of the Executive Committee in 1934, 1938, and 1939, and Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations in 1926 and 1930. This latter capacity involved the detailed examination and successful passage of an annual budget in excess of 46 million dollars.

In 1940 he was appointed to the honorable, judicial office of Judge of Probate in Massachusetts, for life, by Noble Leverett Saltonstall 33°, Governor of Massachusetts, with the unanimous consent and approval of the Governor's Council.

He was raised a Master Mason by his father, on May 7, 1913, he served fourteen years in the line of Joseph Webb Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Boston, becoming Worshipful Master in 1927.

After eight years in line, he was elected Excellent High Priest of St. Paul's Chapter R. A. M. in 1933.

He culminated six years of service in Boston Council, R. & S. M. by serving as Illustrious Master in 1928.

He served ten years as an officer of Boston Commandery of Knights Templar, being Eminent Commander in 1939 and again in 1940.

As an officer of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, he is this year serving as Commander of the 6th Division.

He is an active 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, having held membership in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Boston since 1919.

He was made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine by Illustrious Potentate Walter W. Morrison of Aleppo Temple on August 16, 1918, and served as an active member of the Aleppo Patrol for twelve continuous years, starting in 1921. Since 1933 he has been an officer of Aleppo Temple, being unanimously elected Illustrious Potentate for the past four successive years.

Under his experienced, aggressive, and inspiring leadership, Aleppo Temple has enjoyed four active and fruitful years — with 1941 marking the first net gain in Aleppo membership in any year since 1927, and with 1942 resulting in the largest number of new candidates in twelve years and the smallest number of demits in twenty-one years.



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## TWO ALEPPO NOBLES PROMOTED CAPTAIN BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

**A**MONG the six Lieutenants of the Boston Police Department who were recently promoted to the office of Captain from an eligible list of thirty-five, were two members of Aleppo Temple, Noble Carleton B. Perry and Noble Thomas E. McMurray.

Captain Perry, who received the highest mark in the examinations for captaincy, has been an active member of the Aleppo Temple Band for the past twenty years, previous to which he served as acting National Color Sergeant of the Aleppo Arab Patrol.

Noble Perry, who was born in Hinsdale, N. H., March 27, 1894, joined the Boston Police Department as a patrolman, October 29, 1919, and was assigned to Station No. 1. In 1920 he went to Station No. 8 — Harbor Police — as Quartermaster on the Police Tug *Guardian*, later going to Station No. 12 at City Point. He was made a Sergeant September 26, 1926, and two years later was made Night Boat Commander with an assignment at the Harbor Police Station No. 8. He was made a Lieutenant of Police May 5, 1933, in which capacity he has served until his promotion to Captain June 24, 1943.

Captain Perry has been commended on many occasions and was recommended by the press for the Carnegie Medal. On the night of the hurricane, September 21, 1938, Lieutenant Perry, on reporting for night duty, learned that one of the Harbor Police Patrol boats was in distress down the harbor. With two volunteers he went to their assistance in a 28-foot open-cockpit boat. Later, during the same storm, Lieutenant Perry with a crew of volunteers made several runs into various parts of Boston Harbor in a 38-foot patrol boat seeking persons believed to be aboard boats torn from their moorings. The Harbor Police were especially commended for their part of the work done by the Boston Police Department during this hurricane.

Captain Perry served in the U. S. Navy during World War I with the rating of Chief Carpenters Mate aboard the U.S.S. *Kearsarge* with the Atlantic Fleet. He later served on the troopship U.S.S. *Rijndam*, making many trips with troops to western France. He was in convoys which were torpedoed by submarines many times and on one trip aboard the U.S.S. *Nansemond* he was badly burned in a fire at sea, resulting in his being hospitalized for nine weeks.

He holds an Able Seaman's certificate, a Lifeboatmans certificate, a Master's license for Inland Waters, a Third Mate's license for any ocean with any tonnage, and a First Class Pilot's license for Boston Harbor and Massachusetts Bay.



**NOBLE CARLETON E. PERRY**  
Recently promoted to Captain of the  
Boston Police Department

He is a member of the John J. O'Connell Post and Norwood Post Bands of the American Legion, also a member of the John J. Fallon Post Band of the V.F.W. and the Original Traffic Police Band of Boston.

He is single and resides with his mother at 45 Laurie Avenue, West Roxbury. His hobbies are music, sports and flowers. He bought an adjacent house lot to use as a flower garden, but this year it is a victory garden of vegetables.

He is a Life Member of Athelstan Lodge A. F. & A. M., of Worcester, where he is soon to be presented a "Twenty-five-Year Medal." His other organizations are St. Matthews R. A. Chapter, St. Omer Commandery No. 21, Aleppo Temple, Omar Grotto, and the Police Square Club of Massachusetts.

### CAPTAIN THOMAS E. McMURRAY

Captain McMurray was appointed a patrolman November 2, 1919, and was originally assigned to the Fields Corner Station from which he transferred to the Milk Street Station. He was made a Sergeant in September, 1926, and was assigned Station No. 4.

He was made a Lieutenant in October, 1931. He has served in the department of Criminal Investigation, at Police Headquarters, the Detective Bureau and Police Stations one, two, three, old four, eleven and thirteen. Following his appointment as Captain he was assigned to take charge of the busy East Boston Station No. 7, and among his many duties is the policing of the big Suffolk Downs Race Track.

Captain McMurray is very proud of the fact, and rightfully so, that he has two sons in the armed forces. His oldest son, Warren E. McMurray, saw service in England with the Royal Canadian Air Force before the United States entered the war. He later joined the U. S. Air Corps and is now a First Lieutenant flying a bomber somewhere in Europe. His other son, Norman F. McMurray, has been in the United States Navy for six years and is at present seeing active service aboard a U. S. Destroyer somewhere in the Pacific.

He also has a very talented daughter in the show business, Miss Mildred Law McMurray, who has made a name for herself on the stage and screen. She has appeared in many well-known pictures which she made in Hollywood, and has several times been seen on Boston stages in some of the biggest hit shows in recent years. She has also sang on the radio with many



**NOBLE THOMAS E. McMURRAY**  
Promoted to Captain of the Boston  
Police Department

big named bands, among whom were such celebrities as Eddie Duchin and Don Monroe.

Captain McMurray lives at 558 Ashmont Street, Dorchester, with his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth McMurray and son Robert, who is fourteen years old and yearning to join his brothers in the Armed Forces.

We wish our two new Noble Captains a very successful term of office as Captains of the best Police Force in the country.



# ALEPPO TEMPLE'S NOBLES AND FRIENDS ARE COMING TO THE FRONT IN THE NATIONAL ALL OUT DRIVE FOR MEMBERSHIPS IN THE MAINTENANCE FUND OF THE SHRINERS' HOSPITALS FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

ALEPPO TEMPLE is erecting a ladder of "Baby Smiles" upon which the crippled children under our care may reach their goal—that they may walk. This ladder is built by the Nobles and their friends through the purchase of memberships in the Shrine Hospital Maintenance Fund. Each membership purchased adds one more rung to the ladder and eventually adds many miles of smiles to faces of the crippled children who will receive the expert care of the doctors and nurses in our Shrine Hospitals.

Any Shriner may purchase a Permanent Contributing Membership, which is an investment in happiness, by filling out and mailing the coupon printed in this issue. Any individual not belonging to the Shrine, or any organization, may purchase a Voluntary Contributing Membership in their own name or as a memorial to some friend, thereby joining with the Shrine in this most worthy cause.

The membership of this fund has doubled since the first of April. Let's double it again before the first of August.

The cost of a membership is Sixty Dollars. A noble who becomes a member is exempt from future payments of the annual two-dollar hospital assessment.

One Noble said, when he received his membership, "This is the greatest investment I ever made in my life."

The following is a complete list of the Nobles, friends and organizations who have purchased memberships in the Maintenance Fund of the Shrine Hospitals to June 28, 1943. The names of future members of the Fund will be listed in subsequent issues of the ALEPPO MONTHLY NEWS. Send in your check now and help to build an everlasting memorial in the Shriners' Hospitals for crippled children.

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## NOBLE BURR INSTALLED COMMANDER

AT the installation of officers of Gethsemane Commandery of Newtonville, held in the Masonic Temple in that city, Thursday, June 24th, one of Aleppo's nobles, Em. Sir Harold Burr, was installed as Eminent Commander by Rt. Em. Sir William O. Tuckerman, Grand Commander of Knights Templars of Mass. and R. I. The Grand Commander was assisted in the installation ceremonies by his Grand Warder, Em. Sir F. Henry Caffin.

Upon being installed, Commander Burr addressed his Commandery in a most inspiring manner. He pictured himself as the "Skipper" of the good ship "Gethsemane," his Generalissimo and Captain General as the First and Second Mates and the Sir Knights of his Commandery as the owners of the boat about to take a long and enjoyable voyage on the sea of Fraternism. He charted the course to be taken the coming year as one that will bring them to many ports of interest where good fellowship will be found. Among the program of functions he outlined were "Past Commanders Night," with the stations in the Commandery being held by Past Commanders of Gethsemane Commandery, "Shrine Night," with Nobles of Aleppo Temple filling the stations, "De Molay Night," with an exemplification of the Degree work of the De Molay for Boys being worked by one of the Chapters of that organization and several functions at which speakers of prominence will appear, including Bill Cunningham the noted columnist.

Grand Commander William O. Tuckerman presented a Past Commander's jewel to the outgoing Commander, Em. Sir George H. Tracy, and expressed his appreciation for the co-operation the Grand Commandery office had received during the past year from Commander Tracy. The Grand Commander complimented him on a very successful year as Commander of one of our most active Commanderies in this part of the state.



## LIVING MEMORIALS

WHEN the R. C. A. F. made its first big raid over Berlin on September 7, 1941, Sergeant-Pilot William R. Malkemus failed to return. A letter in his locker stated that "I am doing my full share in what I believe is right in the eyes of God and free men."

In memory of his son who was lost in combat, Noble D. S. Malkemus, of Kerbel Temple of Knoxville, Tenn., purchased five Life Memberships in our Hospital Permanent Endowment Fund which provide a living philanthropic memorial more enduring than a stone monument.

Through the friendly suggestion of Ambassador-at-Large Edward G. Schultz, of Syrian Temple of Cincinnati, Ohio, five memberships on Syrian's "Ladder of Smiles," were purchased by Mr. Joseph T. Owens, of Syracuse, in memory of Noble Henry C. Pierle.

## AN INVITATION TO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

"HEADQUARTERS BOSTON AIR  
DEFENSE WING"  
"Office of the Public Relations Officer"

"June 26, 1943

"To the Nobles of Aleppo Temple,  
"C/o Harvey Leggee, Editor,  
"Aleppo News,  
"97 Huntington Avenue,  
"Boston, Massachusetts

"Dear Noble Leggee:

"I am sure you will be pleased to know that a number of the Nobles of Aleppo Temple have volunteered for duty at the Boston Information Center after reading of this activity in the last month's issue of the ALEPPO NEWS.

"This is a patriotic and vitally important service and we hope there are other Nobles interested in this volunteer work.

"Volunteers may select hours which do not interfere with civilian jobs. The shifts are from 6 A.M. to 10 A.M.; from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.; from 2 P.M. to 6 P.M.; from 6 P.M. to midnight; and from midnight to 6 A.M.

"Every one has a part in this war and we hope there are others among your readers who will feel this is a way in which they can best share in the defeat of our enemies.

"Fraternally yours,

"J. SIDNEY WOLF,

"1st Lt., Air Corps,

"Public Relations Officer."

We have just received the above letter from First Lieut. J. Sidney Wolf, Public Relations Officer of the Boston Air Defense Wing, who is a Noble from the Almas Temple in Washington. It is gratifying to know many of our readers have already volunteered for this vitally important volunteer work. The Boston Information Center requires three hundred more volunteers to man the filter and

operations rooms and we hope there will be others who will feel this is a way in which they can best serve the nation.

The location of the Boston Information Center is a military secret but it is within reach via the Boston Elevated system.

The work of these volunteers entails charting the course of Aircraft over New England on huge colored maps, as calls are received from the thousands of observers stationed throughout New England. This information is vitally important to the Army and Navy. While the primary purpose of the Information Center is to provide advance warning in the event of attack, these civilians have already saved life and property by directing lost pilots on their course and by reporting accidents promptly so aid can be dispatched without delay.

It would require fifty thousand soldiers and sixteen times as many planes as we now have on patrol duty to provide the same protection now afforded by these civilian volunteer workers. This area is an important cog in our defense system since thirty-five per cent of the targets in the United States are located between Boston and Baltimore.

Both men and women are needed at this nerve center, and if you are between the ages of eighteen and fifty-five and can spare two periods of four hours each and every week, you are urged to serve with the Air Corps as a civilian.

The work is always fascinating and sometimes exciting. It is easy to learn and new volunteers acquire skill after one easy lesson. No previous training is necessary. Those interested should write for further information to Lt. J. Sidney Wolf, P. O. Box No. 36, North Postal Annex, Boston.

The officials at the Boston Information Center will be glad to have groups of friends serve together on the same shift. Pass the word along to friends and relatives. The Army Air Corps needs every person who is willing to serve.

## SUBSCRIPTION TO SHRINE HOSPITAL MAINTENANCE FUND

HARVEY B. LEGGEE, Captain,  
Shrine Hospital Endowment Fund,  
Aleppo Temple,  
97 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

Date.....1943

### 1. ☐ For Shriners:

Please enroll me as a Permanent Contributing Member to the Maintenance Fund of the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children, and exempt me from future hospital assessments.

### 2. ☐ For Non-Shriners and Organizations:

I wish to join with the Shrine in their work for crippled children. Please enroll me as a Voluntary Permanent Subscriber to the Maintenance Fund of the Shriners' Hospitals.

I enclose check for \$.....for.....memberships.  
(Minimum, one membership \$60.00)

Deliver certificate to

Name.....

Address.....

Make checks payable to Aleppo Temple



## ALEPPO PATROL CARRIES FLAGS OF ALLIED NATIONS IN FLAG DAY PARADE

ON invitation of the Mayor, Maurice J. Tobin, of Boston, the officers and uniformed units of Aleppo Temple, on Monday evening, June 14th, officially participated in the public patriotic demonstration on historic Boston Common, in recognition of Flag Day.

Headed by Illustrious Potentate Wilson, the colorful Uniformed Units of Aleppo marched from Shrine headquarters in Mechanics Building to Copley Square where they participated in the parade to Boston Common, by way of Boylston Street, Tremont Street, and Lafayette Mall.

The ceremonies, on the request of the President of the United States, this year especially featured the flags of the United Nations. Sergt. Edmund J. Harvey, the right guide of the first platoon of the Arab Patrol, under Lieut. Benjamin James, carried for the first time in any parade in Boston and probably in the United States, the new "Flag of the Four Freedoms." The flag is made of four large upright bars of red in a field of white. The second platoon, under Lieut. Roger P. Beckman, carried the thirty-two flags of the Allied Nations which were featured incident to the impressive ceremonies on Boston Common.

This year's colorful Flag Day Parade, eleventh in Boston's history, was headed by military units, veterans of past wars, and a detachment of the Massachusetts State Guard, under the command of Brig. Gen. William J. Blake.



### SON OF ALEPPO OFFICER HERO AT GUADALCANAL

IF you should make a visit to Fort Devens and was able to get inside the Reception Center you would find among the thousands of rookies at least one veteran of fighting at Guadalcanal. Corp. Kenneth N. Watson, the son of Aleppo's Director Frank Watson, who is twenty-two years of age, saw plenty of service in the Pacific, and as if that wasn't enough he was aboard a boat which was sunk when he was being sent to the U. S. for hospitalization.

Corporal Watson has regained his health and is now in Company L at the Reception Center at Devens, eager to get back into the fight.

He enlisted in December, 1940, in the 182nd Infantry regiment of the 26th Division, Massachusetts National Guard.

A month before being mobilized, he wondered what it was all about, wondered about army life, about combat, about his reason for enlisting. The only familiar thing he encountered was the intelligence test.

Since he arrived in California on a hospital ship a few months ago, he has been offered a medical discharge from the service three times, and turned it down



**ALEPPO'S FLAG OF FOUR FREEDOMS** was the center of attraction in the Flag Day parade held in Boston, Monday, June 14, 1943.

Sergt. Edmund J. Harvey, of the Aleppo Patrol, had the honor of being the first person to carry the Four Freedom's flag in Boston. He is shown above displaying the flag on Boston Common, assisted by Grace Conkey, of Roslindale.

*Photo courtesy of Boston Globe*

each time. The war is not over yet for this veteran.

When discharged from Lovell General Hospital at Fort Devens, it was a choice of medical discharge or limited service—combat units were out for him, but he won a recommendation for the Army Air Forces ground crews and accepted it. He believes the AAF is the quickest route to an active theater of operations, and he wants to use what he learned battling the Japs.

He arrived in the Solomons with the second group of army task forces of the American Division, only unnumbered division in the Army, and made up of units of square divisions that had been triangulated. They landed during a naval battle and that night went into the jungle to face the Japs. Watson was obsessed with the idea that it was to be his last night alive.

"We moved up to the flank of the marines," he said, "and smack against the Nips. In fact, you probably have heard of the battle of Grassy Knoll. That was our debut at Guadalcanal, and one we will never forget."

The twenty-one-year-old soldier learned things about his fellow men under fire—that the quiet and shy men usually turn out to be the heroes, that the loud boastful fellows hugged the ground.

"We didn't have time to ask the marines about the enemy," he declared, "but we soon found out that the little yellow men knew every trick of the fighting game. We

soon found out that they made a lot of noise at night to draw out fire. At first they succeeded, because we were pretty trigger-happy and jittery. At first, we sent out patrols of two or three men, and they weren't coming back. We learned in a hurry to increase patrols to twenty or thirty men.

"I was in charge of a mortar, and when we came to an area where our scouts had reported snipers we would blast every inch of the ground and even then some of them would live through that barrage in treetop hideouts.

"We had just moved into position one day, when they began to blast away at us. It became a nip-and-tuck race to see who would get the range first. Every time they would fire, we'd follow the sound of the shell and fall on our faces, hoping it would miss."

He said the Jap snipers set their sights to fire into foxholes they knew would be used, and then other Japs scared American soldiers into the foxholes to be killed.

"One of my men jumped into such a hole," Watson said, "and was winged. We could hear him calling for help, and another fellow went down to bring him in, but he also was hit. Then another fellow and I went down. He killed the sniper with a grenade, and we pulled out the two wounded men."

The leg wounds and malaria which felled him on December 28, required Watson's removal to a hospital and eventually back to the states.





BY NOBLE CHARLES C. FEARING  
Associate Editor

## "I'M AFRAID TO GO HOME IN THE DARK"

**H**OW tempus does fugit. It seems only yesterday we were wracking our brains (if any), trying to think up something to put in this column, yet here comes a postal card from the chief stating he wants the copy for the July issue pronto. Wotta life! Just one darned thing after another. Speed and more speed; which reminds us — Mike was engaged to do a job of painting for Mr. Smith. After awhile he came in saying the job was completed, and asked for his money. "But Mike," said Mr. Smith, "I wanted two coats on that building. I'll pay you after the second coat." "You've got it," said Mike. "I mixed the first coat with the paint for the second and put on both coats at the same time. Speed is my motto."

So we will have to show some speed to get this piffle into headquarters on time.

The band and uniformed units turned out on Monday, June 14th, to take part in the Flag Day exercises on Boston Common. The band did not have as many in line as usual, but what they lacked in numbers they made up in enthusiasm. The route of the parade was short but when we arrived on the Common the going was a bit rough, as it is not easy marching over the greensward, especially as we had to watch our step when we came to a cross walk. Then standing around for an hour or more was sure tiresome. We would rather march three miles straight away than halt for fifteen minutes, waiting for something to start, with no place to sit down and take the load off our "dogs."

We were supposed to be through by eight-thirty o'clock, but like all these functions, schedules are generally ignored, and this was no exception. We did not get back to the band room until 9.50 and our last train "had went," so we had to stay in Boston all night. This was O.K. with us as "we're afraid to go home in the dark," anyway.

A few days before the parade our flute "cast a pad," so we had to take it up to Noble Verne Powell for expert attention. We were agreeably surprised to find our old friend, Noble Hans Haugaard, working there. We were sure glad to see him as it has been many a long day since we had that pleasure. Hans used to play in the

flute section of the Aleppo Band and we miss him, as he was always dependable.

Noble Charles (Fibber) McGee is again vacationing in the same old place in New Hampshire. He sent us a couple of cards, the first of which depicted a frowsy old tramp with considerable "embonpoint" (as the French call it) resting lazily under a tree. We hope this was no reflection on our own waist line.

"Fibber" says the fishing is fine but does not mention catching any of 'em, which in view of the rationing problem is just too bad. Maybe the reason for this is that his old pal "Bill" Bucknam wasn't up there to do the angling for him. Because "Bill" didn't sing to charm the fish, although his voice was fine; he found the most effective way was just to drop a line." (With apologies to Tom Hood.)

We tender our grateful appreciation to our Editor-in-Chief, Harvey Leggee, for the nice little "write up" he gave us in the last issue, anent our ritual activities. We fear that he gave us too much credit. However, we all like a little taffy now and then, or as Chauncey Depew once said, "An ounce of taffy is worth more than pounds of epitaphy," or words to that effect. We will take Harvey's advice and in the future will arrange our exemplification dates so they will not conflict with the ceremonials of Aleppo.

End of the line — all out!

C. C. F.



## THE COAST GUARD NEEDS YOU

**T**HE Commander of *Flotilla* No. 502, U. S. Coast Guard, has asked Aleppo Temple to enlist all available men up to sixty years of age in the newly formed Temporary Reserve for a minimum of twelve hours per week. At our last ceremonial, *Flotilla* No. 502 had a group of their officers, headed by its Commander, Lewis J. Lerner, assisted by one of Aleppo's third platoon members, Joe Jacobs, who succeeded in enrolling twenty-eight members from the Uniformed Units of Aleppo.

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The Coast Guard is now operating a school at Constitution Wharf for classes on Tuesday and Thursday or Wednesday and Friday evenings from 7.30 to 10.00 P.M., to teach the Temporary Reserve Members, Port Security and all other laws and rules pertaining to Coast Guard Shore Patrol. Attendance at this school five nights is mandatory for all new members.

*Flotilla* No. 502 holds a meeting every Wednesday evening at 7.30 P.M. in the Herald-Traveler Building, Mason Street, Boston, on the seventh floor, where enlistment blanks may be obtained or further information received from Joseph E. Jacobs.

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By J. ARTHUR MCCOY  
Associate Editor

ONE of our Second Platoon members, Noble Arthur Morrison, joined the Navy June 4th, and, like the other men who have entered the service, carries with him the very best wishes of the members. Arthur lives in Arlington, is married, and is a member of Somerville Lodge, Somerville Chapter and Coeur de Lion Commandery.

Gethsemane Commandery, Em. George H. Tracy, Commander, joined with De Molay Commandery, Em. Herbert Lundy, Commander, in observing Ascension Day with services at the Brighton Avenue Baptist Church on June 6th. Others who attended as guests were Sirs Clyde Carter, Anthony Sehuman, and Walter Weidig and Em. Sirs Alex Campbell, Russ Lynn, Andrew McCulloch and George Weeks.

It is good to see Roland Paul back in the Second Platoon, after his illness, and Howard Sharts also received a royal welcome after his travels. Dr. Chisholm, of the staff, is getting the best of his eye trouble and our best wishes go to him.

Virgil Parker, of the staff, is still confined to his home, a long siege, in which we hope he will soon win.

I see by the papers George Gardner presided at the recent rehabilitation conference held by the American Legion at the Parker House. George is Vice-President of the State Legion, almost his only vice. Ted Harvey gained the front page, following the Flag Day parade, as the first man to display the Flag of the Four Freedoms, in Boston, when he marched with the patrol. Fred Wegener's horse, Ovando, was in the running twice lately at Rockingham. Perhaps he's got a race horse there. (Fred is again serving those famous shore dinners at his restaurant at Point Shirley.)

Jim Babcock, of the Fourth Platoon, is with his family at their summer home at Crystal Lake, Madison, N. H.

Lieut. Harold L. Burr, of the Altar Platoon, was installed Commander of Gethsemane Commandery, June 24th, in the presence of eighty members. The Grand Commander, Rt. Em. William O. Tuckerman, installed the officers, with Em. F. Henry Caffin, his Grand Warder. Sixteen of those installed are members of Aleppo and eight are on the patrol. The Grand Generalissimo, Em. G. Lester Marston spoke briefly, as also did our Potentate, Em. Robert Gardiner Wilson,

Jr., who is a division commander. Other Grand Officers present included Associate Grand Prelate Luther L. Weller, Grand Sentinel Em. Herbert Sawyer, and Em. J. Herbert Hinds and his Warder, Em. Gustave Swanson. Harold has served as an officer in Gethsemane many years, including eight years as Captain of the Guards. It is apparent from the many featured meetings that he has planned that the Sir Knights, and their ladies, too, will have many enjoyable occasions to look ahead to.

At the annual meeting of the Eastern Massachusetts Presiding Councils Club (of the Commanderies), June 19th, Em. Eugene Hamilton was elected president and Sir. Harold Burr was elected secretary-treasurer for the third successive year. Two years ago, under Em. William Sharpe's administration, the club completely furnished a day-room for the soldiers at Camp Edwards. Last year, under Em. Gus Swanson, the club sponsored the testimonial dinner to Grand Master Harry Pollard, and also the night at the Pops Concert. To start their good works for this year, Secretary Harold proposed the purchase of one of the endowment bonds for the Shrine Hospital — and Harvey Leggee now has the check in payment. The club comprises all members of Commandery Councils — 32 commanderies in the Eastern Massachusetts district — and the junior Past Commanders. Newly elected Captain Generals are urged to join — there are no dues.

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#### PRESIDING COUNCILS CLUB JOINS SHRINE LADDER OF SMILES

AT the annual meeting of the Eastern Massachusetts Presiding Councils Club held Saturday evening, June 19th, on motion of Secretary-Treasurer Noble Harold L. Burr, it was unanimously voted that

the Club purchase a Voluntary Permanent Membership in the Shrine Hospital Maintenance Fund, to be issued in the name of the Club, and the amount of sixty dollars was unanimously appropriated for that purpose.

The membership of the Presiding Councils Club is composed of Commanders, Generalissimos and Captain Generals of Knight Templar Commanderies in the eastern part of the state.

At this meeting of the Club Em. Sir Eugene B. Hamilton, Commander-elect of Coeur de Lion Commandery of Charlestown, was elected president for the ensuing year. He succeeds Em. Sir Gustave G. Swanson, of Quincy Commandery, who retires after a successful year as the Club's President.

Em. Sir Burr who was recently installed as Commander of Gethsemane Commandery of Newtonville, was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Club for the third consecutive year.

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